

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The National Lieutenant Governors Association is spearheading an effort to raise public awareness of mental illness by flying or displaying the Kristy Worthen Mental Health Flag for 1 day at each state capitol; and,

Whereas, The mental health flag was designed and hand-painted by Kristy Worthen of Salem, Arkansas. The flag is adorned with a white lighthouse shining a beacon of light across the water with the inscription, "Shedding Light On Mental Health Issues"; and,

Whereas, It is Kristy's desire that this educational tour on mental health will bring awareness to mental health issues and help erase the stigma and dispel the myths that are attached to mental illness; and,

Whereas, Kristy Worthen was selected for this project because of her artistic ability and her own experience with bipolar disorder; and,

Whereas, Arkansas Lt. Governor Winthrop Rockefeller, who brought this project to the attention of his peers nationwide, said, "It is my goal to see that this important flag flies in all 50 states to support awareness of mental illness." The flag has already flown in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Main, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Washington, D.C., Wisconsin, Colorado and North Dakota:

Now, Therefore, We, M. Michael Rounds, Governor, and *Dennis Daugaard*, Lieutenant Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 4, 2005, as

KRISTY WORTHEN MENTAL HEALTH FLAG DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.



M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Lieutenant Governor

Attest.

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State